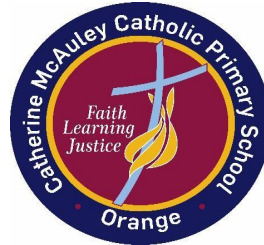


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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. Our goal for this year is for your children to feel safe and happy when coming to school and to grow as successful and independent learners in our McAuley family. This year our Year 3 teaching team is as follows:

3 Yellow	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Mrs Kate Wright
3 Yellow	Thursday, Friday: Mrs Nicole Worland
3 Blue	Monday - Friday: Mrs Leila Agresta
3 Maroon	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Mr Scott Hudson
3 Maroon	Wednesday: Mrs Lucy Connor

This note is to inform you of a few housekeeping matters:

COVID Safety Procedures

Catherine Mc Auley has begun the school year with a layered approach to COVID-smart measures that have been developed in partnership with NSW Health to help to minimise transmissions at school. Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits will continue to be provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school.

Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff and **strongly encouraged** for students to wear. No vented or cloth masks should be worn.

School staff **will not** be administering the rapid antigen tests to students.

RAT kits should be collected from school by a parent or carer and the tests completed at home in the morning before attending school.

Rapid antigen tests (RATs) to be used twice a week on **Mondays and Wednesdays**.

If a student receives a positive RAT test, the parent needs to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice for their child to isolate for 7 days

Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

Bell times

Punctuality is very important. Being late heavily impacts learning and we ask you to bring students on time. Please remember that parents are not allowed on the playground.

Start of school: 9am

First break 11:00am-11:30am

Second break 1:30pm-2:10pm

Finish time 3:10pm

In the event of arriving late, students **MUST** sign in at the front office before coming to class.

Book Covering

Your child will be receiving a number of work books for the year that will require covering. Could you please ensure these books are covered in clear contact and returned to school ASAP.

Communication

Clear communication between home and school is vital. The sooner we are aware of issues, the sooner we can work towards solving them. **The class teacher is the first point of contact when working through issues at school.** Please make an appointment with the class teacher via the school office and inform the school secretary of the reason for the appointment, so that adequate time can be allowed to address concerns satisfactorily and any important information may be obtained. *** During Covid Restrictions, phone interviews are available.* You can alternatively email the class teacher via the school's email address: mcauleyorange@bth.catholic.edu.au and it will be forwarded on to your child's class teacher.

Absent Notes

If your child is absent from school please log these details directly into Compass, there is no need to also send a note. In the event that you are unable to log into compass, you must send in a written note. There are procedures around consistent (explained and unexplained) absenteeism that the school is legally required to implement.

Fruito

Each day all children in Year 3 have a fruit break. 'Fruito' generally lasts about 5 minutes. Children can bring any kind of fresh fruit, carrot sticks, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes etc. The children are encouraged to have a drink bottle containing water in the classroom so that they may have regular sips of water throughout the day. Please remember to label drink bottles and containers.

Homework

There are homework expectations in Year 3 for all students. Homework will be on a 2 week cycle. All students are encouraged to read a book/or magazine that is at an appropriate level and complete maths related activities.

Reading Eggs and Mathletics

You may access Reading Eggs and Mathletics at home at any time. These are wonderful resources for revision of what your child is learning in class. Login details are the same as last year and will be distributed to you via homework books or folders.

Weekly Routines

Library Day	3Blue: Monday	3Yellow: Friday	3Maroon: Tuesday
Music Day	3Blue: Friday	3Yellow: Tuesday	3Maroon: Tuesday
Canteen	Open Tuesday - Friday (REMINDER No canteen Monday) (lunch orders can be ordered)		
Sports Day	Tuesday and Thursday (please wear sports uniform)		

Dates for your diary

Please keep up to date with newsletters and announcements via Compass.

We look forward to a productive and enriching year with your child.

Kind Regards,

Year 3 Teaching Team

Mrs Kate Wright
Mrs Nicole Worland
Mrs Leila Agresta
Mr Scott Hudson